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(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in this matter by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The Government have since exempted all printing presses in the hydro electric areas, including those in Malabar district engaged in printing daily and weekly newspapers from the power cut in force, so far as consumption of electricity for printing the dailies and weeklies only is concerned."

Service conditions of clerks under panchayats.

* 395 *Q*.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether clerks of panchayats are directed by the Government to be appointed by the officers of the District Employment Exchange; whether rules have been framed regarding qualifications, mode of selection, salaries, allowances and conditions of service of clerks in the panchayats; and if so, whether the Government will furnish this House with a copy of such rules?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Government have not directed that clerks of panchayats should be appointed by the officers of the District Employment Exchange. Rules have been framed prescribing qualifications for clerks under panchayats. A copy [a] of these rules is laid on the table of the House. No rules have been framed regarding the salaries and allowances of clerks of panchayats. Their salaries and allowances are fixed by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards. No separate rules have been issued regarding the conditions of service of clerks in the panchayats. The question of issuing rules in this regard is under consideration."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I do not see any rules which the Hon. Minister has said, have been placed on the table of House, on my table at any rate."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The rules relating to qualifications are placed on the table of the House."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" Will the Government consider the abolition of the Employment Exchanges in view of the fact that they are not serving much useful purpose?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, that is a department of the Government of India."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" As the Government have prescribed qualifications necessary for ministerial servants who work in the panchayats, will the Government assure permanent employment for them?"

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Once employed, unless they commit mistakes, they will be there permanently."

House-sites for Arundhateeyas in West Godavari.

* 396 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received the resolution of the Eluru Municipal Council expressing its inability to bear the cost of acquisition of house-sites for the Arundhateeyas of Lankapeta, Eluru town, West Godavari district;

(*b*) whether the Government received any representations from the Arundhateeyas requesting the Government to take up the acquisition in view of the inability of the municipality and as they are threatened with eviction any moment; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Government received a copy of the council's resolution requesting Government to purchase the necessary site from the Harijan Fund and to allot the same to the Harijans. Government asked the municipal council to apply for a loan for the scheme.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether due to the non-applicability of the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act to areas which are within the municipal limits, the Government will consider the desirability of proposing certain amendments to the Land Acquisition Act so that it may be applied to areas within the municipal limits also?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Harijans in urban areas are considered to have been earning well. Acquisition is necessary only in rural parts. So, the policy requires some change and that will be considered."

Transfer of the Municipal Commissioner, Bhimlipatnam.

* 397 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were received by the Government from the Municipal Council, Bhimlipatnam (Visakhapatnam district), between October 1952 and January 1953 demanding the transfer of the Municipal Commissioner, Bhimlipatnam; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Municipal Commissioner concerned has been transferred, as he was nearing the term of three years."